THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) and (b) The improve;ment of infrastructural facilities including budget accommodation is a continuous process. The Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments to undertake such projects every year based on specific proposals received from them. The projects identified for financial assistance during current year include the following Budget Accommodation Units:—

1. Yatri Niwas at Vrindavan
2. Yatri Niwas at Kushinagar
3. Tourist Reception Centre at Agra
4. Tourist Reception Centre at Varanasi
5. Yatri Niwas at Chiniyalisaur
6. Tourist Huts at Gangotri
7. Tourist Huts at Yamunotri

Industry Status to Tourism

3984. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given Industry status to tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the notification issued in this regard;

(c) the names of States which have given the Industry status to tourism; and

(d) what are the benefits to be derived from this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM: (SHRI OMAK APANAG): (a) and (b) The Union Government has been providing a number of incentives to tourism related activities. However, no notification has been issued by amending the Industrial Development Regulation Act as there is no manufacture or production of any of the articles mentioned in the first schedule of the Act.

(c) and (d) The following States/Union Territory Government have declared Tourism as an Industry by extending incentives/concessions regarding water, electricity and tax benefits and subsidies on interests/loans.

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Assam
4. Bihar
5. Gujarat
6. Haryana
7. Himachal Pradesh
8. Jammu & Kashmir
9. Karnataka
10. Kerala
11. Madhya Pradesh
12. Manipur
13. Maharashtra
14. Meghalaya
15. Mizoram
16. Orissa
17. Punjab
18. Rajasthan
19. Tamilnadu
20. Tripura
21. Uttar Pradesh
22. West Bengal
23. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
24. Lakshadweep
25. Pondicherry

पर्यटन का विस्तार

3985. **श्री नागमणि**: क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के उत्तरार्द्ध में समस्त विश्व में पर्यटन में वृद्धि होने की संभावना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि भारत इस वृद्धि का अधिकतम लाभ उठाए, कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं/कार्यक्रम तैयार किए जा रहे हैं; और